Docket No.: 4590-253 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Eric LE BARS et al. : Confirmation No. 8845

Application No. 10/733,813 : Group Art Unit: 2621

Filed: December 12, 2003 : Examiner: Findley Christopher G.

For: METHOD FOR THE SPLICING OF DIGITAL SIGNALS BEFORE TRANSMISSION, SPLICER AND RESULTING SIGNAL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated August 23, 2007 for 3 months from November 23, 2007 to February 25, 2008 (February 23, 2008 being a Saturday).

A credit card authorization form to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.: 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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